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FEDERAL JURY CONVICTS BELTON MAN IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Belton, Mo., man was convicted by a federal jury today for conspiring to manufacture methamphetamine.

Gregory D. Goodall, 45, of Belton, was found guilty of two counts contained in an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 10, 2003, in Kansas City.

Following the presentation of evidence in the **Goodall** trial, the jury in U.S. District Court in Kansas City deliberated less than one hour before returning the guilty verdicts to U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs, this morning, ending a trial that began July 19, 2004.

The jury found **Goodall** guilty of conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine between Sept. 1, 2000, and Sept. 25, 2000. The jury also convicted **Goodall** of illegally possessing pseudoephedrine, knowing that it would be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

Goodall was initially arrested after the execution of a search warrant at his residence, located at 17202 Cerrito, in Belton. Law enforcement officers recovered an operational methamphetamine laboratory during the search, along with 98 grams of methamphetamine. The lab consisted of various precursor chemicals, glassware and equipment used to manufacture methamphetamine, Graves said.

Under federal law, Graves explained, **Goodall** may be subject to a sentence of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$1 million. His sentence will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was

investigated by the Belton, Mo., Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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